

Appl. No. 10/817,071  
Docket No. 014.0038  
Preliminary Amendment

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This application claims priority to copending U.S. provisional application entitled "Taking Aim with Dart: An Object-Oriented Approach to Automated Decision Analysis and Resolution Technology for NETOPS," having serial number 60/459,802<sub>[[1]]</sub>, filed April 1, 2003, which is entirely incorporated by reference.